

high-speed data acquisition. Mr. Cordero is part of the SRNL team that developed an automated controlled-potential coulometer used in the measurement of plutonium that is used by the IAEA, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Japanese Atomic Energy Agency. Mr. Cordaro has 12 inventions with 4 patents.

Dr. David Diprete has served as the technical lead for the radiochemistry team in the SRNL Analytical Development's Nuclear Measurement Group since 1994. He has played a significant technical and leadership role at SRNL, serving and supporting DOE's environmental management missions as well as other federal entities. He has developed customized radiochemical methods to characterize radionuclides to lower detection levels than previously possible in highly radioactive material, thereby facilitating the closure of numerous waste tanks at the site. In 2016, he was the winner of the Donald Orth Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest distinction given by SRNL.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Sindelar is recognized as an expert in the Life Management of nuclear systems, structures, and components including those used for fuel storage, nuclear materials separations facilities and high level waste storage. An accomplishment scientist with about 40 years of experience, Sindelar has been a technical driver for many programs and activities that have enabled the site to receive and provide extended storage for multiple types of used nuclear fuel. He is the Savannah River National Lab's lead for nuclear materials technologies programs supporting the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Congratulations to all these Fellows on this tremendous achievement. I appreciate Dr. Vahid Majidi, the Director of the Savannah River National Lab, whose leadership has resulted in the lab's national success and achievements. I would also like to commend Colin Demarest, a journalist at the Aiken Standard, for covering this story and highlighting the success of these prestigious Fellows.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THYRA STEVENSON

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, prior to serving in Congress, I served in the Idaho Legislature with a beloved individual. This special person, who passed recently, was an aircraft commander, an instructor, a Captain, a teacher, a linguist, and a mother to five children and twelve grandchildren in her life of 75 years. Joyfully, Thyra Stevenson of Lewiston, Idaho, lived to the fullest in her life of adventure but sadly, she died suddenly last month. As a precursor to her success, Thyra was the Valedictorian of Lewiston High School, a doctorate of Latin American Literature, having studied in Madrid, Spain, and at the University of Washington in Seattle. Additionally, she was a musician playing the oboe, cello, piano, and the bagpipes. Amid her career, Thyra served our country as an amazing pilot and worked as an officer in the United States Coast Guard. Thyra flew large transport jet airplanes including the McDonnell-Douglas DC-9,

the Boeing 727, the Boeing 737, and the Boeing 757. After her time as a pilot, Thyra went on to serve in the Idaho House of Representatives for three terms. While in the State Legislature, Thyra's passion for education shined through, and she took a keen interest in ensuring the success of our local dairymen, farmers, and ranchers. In 2018, Thyra, in the self-described ultimate show of her life, purchased a 2019 F-350 Platinum. It is said that parking for such a large truck was limited around the Idaho State Capitol, but, today, our hearts are joined by family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating the "full-throttle" life she led. Thyra, a woman of her time, and a woman beyond her time will be sorely missed. I believe the embodiment of this message is a small tribute to the large life she lived. I pray for her family and those impacted by the sudden loss of loved ones during this difficult time. The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD is the permanent archive of the American people, and I am thankful to include the life of Thyra Stevenson of Lewiston, Idaho. May God bless our great country and wonderful people like Thyra that grace this world with their lives.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Pollinator Week.

Our pollinators are an invaluable asset to our food production, environment, and economy. Over 100 of our crops and \$18 billion in crop production revenue rely on pollinators like the monarch butterfly, over 250 species of bumblebees, and hummingbirds. They help sustain life on Earth and we are obligated to protect them.

As a country, we have taken necessary steps to rally around pollinators. In 2019, NIFA awarded \$4 million in competitive grants for pollinator health related projects and the Appropriations Committee funded \$400,000 for a designated pollinator research coordinator in the United States Department of Agriculture. It is reassuring to see united support from the USDA, Department of the Interior, and the Environmental Protection Agency, each of which signed proclamations declaring this week National Pollinator Week.

My district is the proud home of three cities designated as a "Monarch City USA," including Oak Harbor, Port Clinton, and Sandusky, Ohio. These three cities have contributed to the protection of the monarch butterfly by planting milkweed and nectar plants, among other conservation efforts. This year the Trump Administration will decide whether the monarch butterfly should be added to the endangered species list as populations continue a harrowing multi-decade decline. I urge the Administration to use science and common sense when considering their decision.

In honor of National Pollinator Week, please join me in celebrating the beauty and utility of one of nature's finest constructs, and renewing our promise to protect these keystone species: pollinators.

TRIBUTE TO TEDDY ALVAREZ-NISSEN—UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR IN THE ARTS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Theodore "Teddy" Alvarez-Nissen, who has been named one of 20 United States Presidential Scholars in the Arts for 2020.

Teddy was born in Sacramento, California, on October 19, 2001, the son of two lifelong nonprofit and legal advocates, Lynn Alvarez and Steven Nissen. His talent in the arts was nurtured early in California's public schools, first at Lanai Road Elementary School, then at Robert A. Millikan Affiliated Charter & Performing Arts Magnet Middle, and finally at the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts.

Teddy's filmmaking journey began in earnest in fifth grade, when Ms. Karen Bennett's dedication and insight helped Teddy become one of the youngest filmmakers to compete in national film festivals across the country. Recently, Teddy has used his art to highlight social causes that are important to him, including creating media for the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House, El Nido Family Centers, and Arts for Incarcerated Youth.

Teddy plans to pursue his dream of making movies as a member of the 2024 class of the prestigious University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts with a major in Film and Television Production. Looking into the future and following in his parent's footsteps, Teddy hopes to start a nonprofit which pairs young artists with charitable organizations in order to create free informational and educational content.

Apart from filmmaking, Teddy is an active member of his community through the California YMCA Youth & Government program. Throughout his four years of participation, Teddy has been a natural leader in this politically active community of over 3,500 teenagers throughout the state. His peers elected him California's 72nd Youth Lieutenant Governor in January 2020, and he has used this platform to champion youth initiatives ranging from criminal justice reform to combating food waste.

Throughout his high school career, Teddy has consistently amplified student voices in politics. In the wake of the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, Teddy marched with a group of students on Los Angeles City Hall to speak out against gun violence. Before he could vote himself, Teddy helped to pre-register over 30 percent of the eligible student body at his school to vote. As part of the Western Justice Center's "Creating Bias-Free Classrooms" initiative, Teddy acted in short plays and improv situations to help train teachers to combat racial prejudice in the classroom.

It is no surprise that Teddy's dedication to the art of filmmaking and determination to use his talents to serve others is being honored by the White House and the U.S. Department of Education by naming Teddy one of 20 United States Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

I ask all Members today to join me in celebrating this exceptional young man of California's 28th Congressional District, Teddy Alvarez-Nissen.